GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO PANCHAYATS .
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is persistent demand from the Panchayats throughout the country for more power and funds;

(b) whether the Panchayats are demanding 80% allocation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and also earmark 50% of the allocated funds for the development of children and women; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) As per available information, no such demand has been received from Panchayats for allocation of 80% of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and earmarking 50% thereof for the development of children and women. Local Bodies being State subject, the Government of India , have, however, been urging the States/UTs from, time to time, to expedite the devolution offunds, functions and functionaries upon them so as to enable them to function effectively as institutions of self-government.